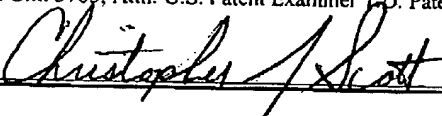


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RESPONSE TO INITIAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2005, with a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on September 9, 2005, Applicants submit a Terminal

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